SWEDEN









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King Carl SVI Gustaf

Head of Government

Prime Minister Stefan LOFVEN

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Stockholm

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Riksdag (349 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Sweden (consists of 16 justices including the court chairman); Supreme Administrative Court (consists of 18 justices including the court president)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Karin Ulrika OLOFSDOTTER

US Ambassador

Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires David E. LINDWALL

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 450,295 sq km Land: 410,335 sq km Water: 39,960 sq km

Climate

temperate in south with cold, cloudy winters and cool, partly cloudy summers; subarctic in north

Natural Resources

iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver, tungsten, uranium, arsenic, feldspar, timber, hydropower

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PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.0 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth

0.81% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity

indigenous population: Swedes with Finnish and Sami minorities; most common countries of origin among immigrants: Syria, Finland, Iraq, Poland, Iran

Language

Swedish (official)

note: Finnish, Sami, Romani, Yiddish, and Meankieli are official minority languages

Religion

Church of Sweden (Lutheran) 63%, other (includes Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, Muslim, Jewish, and Buddhist) 17% (2016 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 87.4% of total population (2018) rate of urbanization: 1.05% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Sweden's small, open, and competitive economy, which remains outside of the euro zone, has been thriving, and Sweden has achieved an enviable standard of living, with its combination of free-market capitalism and extensive welfare benefits

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$521.7 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$51,300 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$169.7 billion (2017 est.) partners: Germany 11%, Norway 10.2%, Finland 6.9%, US 6.9%, Denmark 6.9%, UK 6.2%, Netherlands 5.5%, China 4.5%, Belgium 4.4%, France 4.2% (2017)

Imports

\$154.8 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 18.7%, Netherlands
8.9%, Norway 7.7%, Denmark 7.2%,
China 5.5%, UK 5.1%, Finland 4.7%,
Belgium 4.7% (2017)